

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 4 remain in this application.

Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been canceled.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended.

The specification has been changed as suggested by the Examiner to correct the syntax.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liff in view of Sanderson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to minimize the number of issues in conjunction with the subject patent application, Claims 2, 3 and 5 have now been canceled leaving only independent Claims 1 and 4. It is agreed that the basic structure to Liff is similar to the present invention with the exception that applicant in Claim 1 defines making a direct cast of a human nose. The structure of Liff utilizes a sculpture of a human face and does not make a direct cast of a human nose. Additionally, independent Claims 1 and 5 have now been amended to clearly state the use of the hydrophilic plastic material. It has been discovered that hydrophilic material is highly desirable because it absorbs moisture from the skin of the nose causing self-adherence to the nose preventing unauthorized removal of the shield. In other words, the shield doesn't fall free from the nose and it sticks to the surface of the nose. The only way to remove this shield is to manually remove it. This is highly desirable as securing devices of any type are not required. Nowhere within Liff or Sanderson is there any teaching

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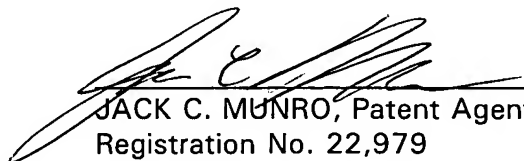
of using a hydrophilic material. Therefore, it is believed that independent Claims 1 and 4 define structure which is not shown or taught by Liff combined with Anderson and that these claims should now be allowed.

It is agreed that the patent of Sanderson has been correctly applied, as it shows use the including of ventilation holes within a nose shield.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and arguments presented herein, it is believed that the claims as now submitted clearly define allowable subject matter over the references of record. It is courteously requested that this application be reconsidered, such reconsideration being favorable resulting in passing of this application to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to account No. 13-4899.

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